SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Regular Meeting held at Otay Water District Headquarters

P.O. Box 1637

Spring Valley, CA 91977

November 24, 2009

Members:

1. Bob Eble

2. Lora Lowes

3. Rodney Gibbons, Vice Chairman

4. Marilyn Wilkinson, Secretary

5. Scott Montgomery, Chairman

6. John Eugenio

7. Richard Preuss

8. Michael Daly (a)

9. Vacant

10. Willis Conley (a)

11. Angelica Wallace

12. Walter Lake

13. Ed Woodruff

14. Anthony Schute

15. Robert Decker

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with 13 members present. The minutes of the last meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

- 1. Open Forum: Carol Guerrero, a community member spoke in favor of providing housing for the homeless in vacated, empty commercial buildings. She also spoke about a bus stop that she feels is in the wrong spot. It is located on Jamacha Blvd. near Calavo Drive on the south side of the street. She would like the bus stop moved further east towards Highway 94, as she feels this would be a safer location.
- 2. Action Items/informational/projects:
 - A. Administrative permit AD 09-010 for large day care @ 1320 Walbollen St. Presenter: Wallace. Proponent: Dora Seaton Msemaji. The proponent would like to increase the amount of children she cares for. She has complied with all County requirements. The neighbors have no objections. Ms. Msemaji answered questions the Group asked about the business. Wallace made a motion to accept with a concern about self-closing gates. Vote 13-0-0. Motion carried.
 - B. Gathering of ideas on what is desired to be included in development of a "Town Center" envisioned at the corner of Sweetwater Springs Blvd. and Jamacha Blvd. This is a 25 acre parcel tentatively to be sold by Caltrans. It is the previous Evergreen Nursery location. Presenter: Chairman Montgomery. We spoke at length about what we do not want at the site. We do not want: a recycling center, noise making processes, repair garages, no hazardous materials or tires, and no large or oversized signs. We would like a civic center, small shops, restaurants, office buildings, and perhaps some residential/commercial mixed use. We would also like to incorporate trail linkage, add a fountain, an amphitheatre, and a

plaza. Cathy Winnie, a community member asked for more specifics, which we answered. We also talked about the 9 acre parcel, east of Calavo, which we would like set aside for a park. Paul Robinson, a resident, thanked us for all we do for the community. He suggested we put in several restaurants. Many community members attended the meeting and seemed very excited about the prospect of actually planning, and working with the County. We will have more discussion in the future. Schute, and Preuss were asked to work actively on this project because of their expertise concerning planning.

- C. Tree removal request @ 910 Broadview Street. Presenter: Daly. Proponent: Bruce Yordt. Daly went over the need for the removal of 3 trees. Daly explained the tree roots are starting to move the sidewalk and driveway. Gilbert Ross, the resident, requesting the removal, attended the meeting and answered questions. Ken Hood, a neighbor, also sees the need for the removal. Another neighbor, Don Robinson, does not like the palm fronds landing in his yard, nor the mess the seeds make when they drop from the tree. Daly made a motion to remove the 3 trees. Vote 13-0-0 in favor of the motion.
- D. Establishment of a nominating committee for Planning Group officers for 2010. Presenter: Chairman Montgomery. Woodruff and Daly have agreed to serve as a nominating committee. Chairman Montgomery made a motion to hear the slate, and take a vote for next year's officers at our next meeting. Vote 11-0-2. Abstentions from Woodruff and Daly. Motion carried.

3. Committee Reports:

- A. Chair Report: Chairman Montgomery. There will be a meeting on 1/14/2010 at 2:45 at the Supervisor's office in El Cajon concerning possibility of a Boy's and Girl's Club at Lamar Park. Everyone is invited.
- B. Pointe Project and Trails. Secretary Wilkinson. Secretary Wilkinson spoke to the Group about the need for a prioritization list of projects at parks that may be eligible under Prop 84 funds. These funds will be awarded next year, and the criteria for applying is being developed by the State and will be made available after the first of the year.
- C. Code Compliance Assistance: Conley. Conley absent.
- D. Transportation: Lake. Lake told us he has heard of the possibility of a Farmers Market to be held at Spring Valley Elementary. The Department of Public Works will be trimming vegetation and trees at the intersection of Valencia and Sweetwater Road.
- E. Crematorium: Lowes. Lowes absent.
- F. Neighborhood Stabilization Project: Woodruff and Gibbins. Nothing to report.
- 4. Announcements/ Future Items. The second meeting in December has been cancelled.